Statement-II

State-wise requirement and Availability of Urea

Name of State	Urea					
	2007-08		2008-09		2009-10 (April '09 to October '09)	
	Requirement	Availability	Requirement	Availability	Requirement	Availability
Andhra Pradesh	27.50	26.84	27.50	27.84	16.50	15.04
Karnataka	12.80	13.63	13.50	12.88	9.20	9.44
Kerala	1.40	1.44	1.49	1.68	1.10	1.04
Tamil Nadu	9.85	9.68	10.37	11.28	5.85	4.81
Gujarat	17.25	18.37	18.65	18.69	10.85	10.33
Madhya Pradesh	13.75	14.76	15.75	13.83	8.18	7.83
Chhattisgarh	5.90	6.17	5.40	5.23	4.56	4.22
Maharashtra	21.20	23.05	23.25	22.84	16.45	16.17
Rajasthan	14.70	13.83	15.10	13.21	6.98	6.34
Haryana	18.75	19.30	19.90	17.59	9.95	8.90
Punjab	25.00	26.97	25.50	26.28	15.50	14.14
Uttar Pradesh	55.00	54.37	55.00	55.74	28.00	27.75
Uttaranchal	2.30	2.42	2.30	2.22	1.17	1.21
Jammu and Kashmir	1.40	1.19	1.35	1.28	0.96	0.54
Bihar	20.00	19.40	21.25	18.33	10.30	8.89
Jharkhand	2.10	1.67	2.00	1.57	1.45	1.09
Orissa	5.50	5.19	5.50	4.74	4.25	3.93
West Bengal	12.95	12.45	13.00	11.94	5.79	5.79
Assam	2.30	1.99	2.40	2.30	1.33	1.37
ALL INDIA	271.70	274.26	281.34	270.88	159.70	149.80

Viability status of BVFCL and APCL

172. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the viability status of the units under Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (BVFCL) and Assam Petro Chemicals Ltd. (APL);

(b) whether any programme for revamping and expansion of the units under BVFCL and APL is under consideration of Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the total outlay, amount earmarked and target set for their commissioning during Eleventh plan period;

(d) whether any proposal for supporting the ongoing activities of these two old PSUs are pending for clearance; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (e) With regards to Assam Petrochemicals Ltd. (APL), it is submitted that there is no such public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers. APL is under the administrative control of Government of Assam with 88% equity participation from Assam Industrial Development Corporation.

Regarding Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (BVFCL), the units at Namrup are not economically viable under the New Pricing Scheme for urea units in the country. The company is making losses due to low energy efficiency of its units and inadequate availability of gas for 100% capacity utilization of its units at Namrup.

The revamp of Namrup-II & Namrup-III units was undertaken during the Tenth Plan period and has already been completed in November, 2005. The proposal for recognition of cost of revamp is under active consideration of the Government. The company has asked for some special dispensation under the New Pricing Scheme for making its operations economically sustainable. The company has asked for higher energy preset norm at 12.70 Gcal per MT for Namrup-II unit and 12.78 Gcal per MT for Namrup-III unit. It has also asked for recognition of capital investment in the plant beyond the cut off date of March 2003 under New Pricing Scheme for urea units, for finalization of its concession price. The proposal of the company is being looked into by the Government.

The Government has decided that appropriate support continue to be provided to the Project till such time a comprehensive proposal is brought up after requisite appraisals and consultations.

Variation in figures of BPL beneficiaries

173. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per Central Government, the number of BPL card holders in the country stood at 4.02 crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;